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FOR the benefit of mankind, and in juſtice to my own character, I have been adviſed to give ſome account of my ſelf, and of the excellent remedy which, for ſome years, I have prepared, for curing the fits of the Gout, and all its ſymptoms, and kindred diſtempers.

I was educated in Pharmacy, under my father's care and inſtruction in *Stamford*; he was a perſon of known skill and eminence, the moſt conſiderable, in his profeſſion, in theſe parts. By his induſtry and knowledge he acquired a very handſom fortune, brought up, and provided for, a large family, in a reputable manner. In the year 1700. he took me co-partner with him; the buſineſs of an apothecary, from that time, was jointly carried on by us, to the general ſatisfaction of all the noble and other families under our care: Such were that of the Marquiſs of *Lindſey*, Earl of *Exeter*, Earl of *Ganesborough*, Earl of *Nottingham*, the Lord Viſcount *Hatton*, many gentlemen's, and others. About 1710. he reſigned his ſhare of the co-partnerſhip to me, which buſineſs I have carried on ever ſince; I may ſay, without boaſting, ſucceſsfully; I was many years received by a noble Peer in the neighbourhood, with particular marks of eſteem; and, as an inſtance of his opinion of my judgment in phyſick, he commanded me, *only*, to attend him in his laſt illneſs, which I did for 40 days and nights. Nor could my own remonſtrances, back'd with the weight of the Counteſs his conſort, and his friends, prevail on him to call in other advice. Further, to protect me from thoſe that would be ready to reſent my thus practiſing, he commanded me that I ſhould take out a licenſe from the Archbiſhop, which after ſome time I did: Since then, I have practiſed phyſick, and, to ſuch as have thought fit to conſult me, I hope I may ſay, without vanity, I have diſcharged my duty with as much reputation and ſucceſs, as any other practitioner in theſe parts.

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The learned Dr. *Friend* ſays well, in his hiſtory of phyſick, that theory without practice will not avail. To which I may add that of another great genius in phyſick. *Non excogitandum ſed inveniendum quid natura faciat aut ferat.* I may venture to ſay, that if mere ſtudying and forming hypotheſes, would either moſt certainly find out the cauſe or cure of a diſtemper, the Gout would not to this day have triumphed over all the learned profeſſors. Let this ſuffice for an apology for my practiſing as a phyſician, which ſome are willing to lay hold on, as a mean argument againſt the uſefulneſs of my remedy for the Gout. The occaſion, by which Providence was pleaſed to uſe me as the unworthy inſtrument of uſhering this remedy into the world, is this; I had been treated by the Gout, all my life long, in the ſevereſt manner, and was quite tired with life, being laid up ſometimes for half a year together. I tried for it all ſorts of medicine and regimen, without the leaſt benefit. At length in *May* 1729. I happily fell upon this preſent compoſition of Oils, which I tried upon my ſelf with proper caution: Then, inſtead of ſo cruel a confinement, I could walk about my buſineſs in three weeks, without any other application whatſoever, to the ſurpriſe of my neighbours and friends. And this I had done repeatedly upon myſelf and ſome few others, without the leaſt ill conſequence, in divers fits as ſevere as can be. In *September*, 1732. my horſe threw me down, and I falling upon my left leg, made a moſt terrible contuſion from knee to ancle, in the utmoſt danger of mortification, and brought the Gout inſtantly into both feet, knees, hams, ancles, and left ſhoulder. I

had recourſe only to my Oils, without any other adminiſtration, not ſo much as bleeding or purging. In leſs than a month the contuſion was cured, and all its concomitant ſymptoms, beyond my own imagination, and to the ſurpriſe of all profeſſors. Dr. *Stukeley* was ſo good as to viſit me often in this extraordinary caſe; and obſerving the wonderful effects theſe Oils had wrought (tho' before he had no opinion of them) now thought fit to uſe them himſelf, having for many years laboured under an hereditary Gout. They anſwered perfectly to his ſatisfaction, and he thought fit, when he went up to *London* in *February* following, to give an account of it to the *Royal Society*, that the publick might receive the benefit of what he judged an extraordinary and appropriate remedy. This the Doctor did perfectly of his own motion and love to mankind; not in the leaſt imparting his deſign to me, nor ſo much as deſiring the inſpecting of my *Recipe*. Since that time, having tried it again upon himſelf, and alſo obſerving the many ſurpriſing cures it has wrought at home, and in all parts of the kingdom, as appears weekly, by letters of Thanks to me, he thought fit to publiſh an additional treatiſe, *Of the cauſe and cure of the Gout*, viz. in 1733. wherein, from carefully obſerving and reaſoning on the operation of theſe Oils, he forms a new *rationale* of the nature of this cruel diſtemper, which has hitherto baffled all the world. He ſhows, by many arguments, that the matter of the Gout is a fiery poiſon, which the blood throws off upon the extreme parts, to the oily glands of the joints, there to be extinguiſhed. Hence he gathers the neceſſity of an external remedy, and that nature points

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out the quality of it (if we do but attend to her) that it muſt be warm and penetrating, and oily, as near as may be like to the oily mucilaginous juice of the joints. And all this is perfectly anſwered by my remedy, as daily experience abundantly evinces.

I could give five hundred particular caſes; but, to ſave myſelf and my reader that trouble, I ſhall recite but one, and that is the laſt. A gentleman, of a plentiful fortune, retired from *London* to a relation's at a ſmall village near *Chipping-norton* in *Oxfordſhire*, being moſt miſerably afflicted with the Gout, there decently to ſit down, and end his days in torture and confinement; not hoping for any relief, as this diſtemper had for ages paſt been deemed incurable. He accidentally hearing that Dr. *Stukeley* had publiſhed a treatiſe concerning my Oils, ſent for it, which he read carefully, and believing the motive and *rationale*, there laid down, to be good, he wrote to me a letter, to deſire to be under my care. Accordingly, he came to me *June* 24. 1734. no fit being upon him, he could ride, being helped on horſeback. When I waited upon him, I was ſurpriſed to ſee a well-looking gentleman (about 41 years of age) ſo borne down with the diſtemper: The uſe of his knees and ancles, were in a manner loſt, his legs ſwelled, the fleſh cold, for want of circulation to the extreme parts; and what little motion he had was by bearing upon a ſhort cane, for he was almoſt worne double. The day but one after he came, I applied the Oils to both his feet and ancles, which were embrocated by the fire about half an hour, and continued the uſing them four mornings ſucceſſively. The next three

mornings

mornings his knees and hams were embrocated, which were contracted and almoſt motionleſs. By the uſing theſe Oils ſeven days, he could extend his legs, and move the ancle-joints freely, and without pain, and walk about, upon an even floor, tho' ſcarce able, before, to put one foot before the other. I alſo prevailed upon him, to have an inch and a half taken off his ſhoe-heels, purely to acquire a better extenſion of the tendons, which anſwered accordingly. I likewiſe ordered him a ſmall courſe of phyſick. The ſucceſs was ſurpriſing, and had that happy effect upon him, that in three weeks he walked almoſt upright, about my houſe, and into my garden; at the month's end he went to church, and from thence paid a viſit of thanks, on foot, to Dr. *Stukeley*, the length of a long ſtreet: Which is what he had not been able to perform of ſeven years paſt. He can now ſtamp his feet upon the floor, and mount his horſe, fairly, from the even ground, without any aſſiſtance, and walk upright without a cane; and he appears many inches taller then he was before. He is ſo rejoiced at this his happy alteration, that he declares he does not deſire to be any better ſo long as he lives. This cure is notorious to the whole town of *Stamford*, and the neighbourhood: Since which, we embrocated both feet, knees, and hams, three days. Yeſterday, on the eighth of *Auguſt*, he returned into *Oxfordſhire*, to regulate ſome affairs (for a month) then thinks to return hither for the winter ſeaſon, to be under my further directions, and doubts not but I ſhall reſtore him to a finer ſtate of health than he has been in for many years paſt. No doubt but a proper adminiſtration of a good

remedy,

remedy, is as neceſſary as a good remedy; and for want of a juſt application, we loſe the credit, and a patient the advantage, becauſe there are many incidents which may probably happen to an ill habit of body, and thereby the medicine will be condemned either by ſelf-intereſted or evil-deſigning people; for which reaſon, ſince providence has favoured me with this invention, I make this diſtemper my chief buſineſs; and if any perſon deſires my attendance, be it at any diſtance, I will be ready to attend, if ſent for by their own Servant.

DIRECTIONS.

'HEAT in a ſilver ladle, porringer, or 'ſpoon, as much of the Oils as will 'only ſerve for one time, (ſhaking the 'bottle firſt) and embrocate, or rub them well 'in with your hand, upon the parts affected, by 'the fire, at leaſt a quarter of an hour at a 'time, and that once or twice in a day, as the 'nature of the caſe requires; but as ſoon as 'poſſible upon the acceſſion of a fit, and in 'every joint affected; and then wrap the part 'up in fine flannel; or put on your legs thread 'or cotton ſtockings, warm, under your worſted 'ones. This to be continued until the cure is 'effected, in Gout, Rheumatiſm, or Sciatica.

'If the Gout happens into both feet, (which 'is a common caſe) at one and the ſame time, 'or in any other part, as the hands, ſhoulders, &c.

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' heat no more of the Oils, (and that carefully
' to prevent the volatile parts from evaporating)
' than will ſerve a ſingle foot at a time, and ſo
' heat more afreſh for every part affected.

' Thoſe who have laboured under the Gout
' many years, and have had frequent returns,
' always have a weakneſs left upon the joint and
' tendons, and muſcular ſwellings, after the
' pains are gone off. To remedy theſe inconve-
' niences, I adviſe the uſing the Oils to the
' feet and ancles eſpecially, or any other part
' grieved, once in three weeks, for a day, two
' or three, altho' no ſymptom of a fit; which by
' experience will do good, by giving ſtrength
' and vigour to admiration. This method I
' uſe upon myſelf, and can now walk better than
' I could for twenty years paſt.

' If by cold taken or by ſome other diſorder,
' you perceive any ſoreneſs or ſmarting pains in
' your feet, or elſewhere, uſe the Oils inſtantly.

' Thoſe who have labour'd under an invete-
' rate Gout for years paſt, upon uſing theſe Oils
' plentifully (in order as they hope to recover
' the ſooner) do often find an itching humour in
' their legs and feet, which will daily increaſe,
' unleſs you omit uſing the Oils, for 8 or 10
' days; and, inſtead thereof, waſh them with
' warm Milk, and take 2 or 3 doſes of gentle
' phyſick: After ſo doing you may uſe them
' again with pleaſure and ſatisfaction.

' Since this affair happened to the gentleman
' in *Oxfordſhire*; a freind of his at *Dublin*, lia-
' ble to this diſtemper, wrote to him to know
' the truth of ſo extraordinary a caſe. Upon
' anſwer return'd, he thought fit, for the bene-

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' fit of mankind to cauſe Dr. *Stukeley*'s book on
' the Gout to be reprinted there with my direc-
' tions, and this account of my ſelf annex'd: And
' added likewiſe this gentleman's letter of an-
' ſwer to him at *Dublin*. Whereupon I have
' thought it convenient, to publiſh (with leave
' firſt obtain'd) the original letter, which was
' the occaſion of it, as follows; together with
' that printed at *Dublin*; likewiſe a ſubſequent
' letter of the gentleman's at *Dublin*, being an
' account of the ſucceſs of his uſing the Oils: to
' the intent, that the whole of this correſpon-
' dence may appear in its true light.

DUBLIN, *Feb.* 17. 1734-5.

SIR,

CRAVING ten thouſand pardons for my preſumption in giving you this trouble.

Having read Dr. *Stukeley*'s Treatiſe of the *Cauſe* and *Cure* of the *Gout*; and the remedy coming to me from *London*. Dr. *Rogers*'s ſon who ſells it, having nam'd you as a perſon who has receiv'd benefit by it; and encouraged me to write to you for ſatisfaction therein, is the occaſion of my boldneſs. And, as being a fellow-ſufferer in that grievous diſtemper; I promiſe my ſelf, you will be ſo good as to let me know, whether you have really receiv'd any benefit by Dr. *Rogers*'s remedy or not. For having for 30 years paſt been under the tyranny of that diſtemper; you may be ſure I have try'd many practices, in order to be deliver'd from it,

and after all never the better, but rather worſe; which makes me the more diffident of ſucceſs in any thing propos'd, tho' only for the cure of a preſent fit. Therefore would be glad to know from you that have try'd this preſcription of Dr. *Rogers*'s, what ſucceſs you have met with, and whether there is ſafety in the application; in which I would hope you will be as particular as you can, for the ſatisfaction not only of my ſelf, but of hundreds of gouty brethren in this kingdom

I am now turn'd of 60, and have been under a fit, and repeated fits for full 8 months, and but juſt recovering, ſo as to be able to go upon crutches; which is the longeſt and moſt ſevere fit I ever yet had. Its chief attacks having been upon my hands, knees and ancles, and has left ſo great a weakneſs in my knees, as makes me fear I ſhall never get ſufficient ſtrength to walk again, unleſs by the aid of Dr. *Rogers*'s Oils; which I muſt confeſs (on reading *Stukeley*'s book) I have a great opinion of: Therefore let me intreat you to give me a few lines in anſwer, either to confirm, or diſcourage me therein, wherein you will greatly oblige,

Pleaſe to direct your Letter to Mr. *James Sw--t* Merchant in *Dublin*.

SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant,

JAMES SW—T

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COPY of a LETTER from a Gentleman in *England*, to his Friend at *Dublin*.

SIR,

I Have the favour of yours of the 17th paſt, in which you deſire I will give you a particular account of the ſucceſs I have had in the uſe of Dr. *Rogers*'s oils; And as you are a fellow-ſufferer, I take the opportunity of the very firſt poſt, to anſwer your requeſt.

Give me leave to acquaint you, firſt, how ſeverely I have been handled: I was born in 1693. The Gout ſeiz'd me firſt in 1708-9; he let me alone until 1719; after which I had regular fits, ſpring and fall, (every year) tho' worſe and worſe: Its chief attacks were on my hands, knees and feet. *Anno* 1728. it quite diſabled me; and ſince I have never been free from it above three or four months in the year: And meeting, by accident, this time twelve months, with Dr. *Stukeley*'s treatiſe on the Gout, I reſolv'd to take a tour thither laſt ſummer, without mentioning my deſign to any friend, for fear of being diſcouraged; ſo, according to my reſolution, I went to *Stamford*, where I ſtay'd near three months: Dr. *Rogers* was ſo civil to entertain me (*un ami*) at his houſe, where I had the op-

portunity to hear and ſee every thing I could wiſh; nothing was hid from me but the preparation of his ſpecific. I ſaw all his letters that came to him on the ſubject: I ſaw both Dr. *Stukeley* and himſelf uſe the Oils with ſucceſs: ſo I ventur'd on them boldly, altho' I had no fit of the Gout upon me, but a weakneſs in my joints, the natural conſequence of the Gout; however I found I gather'd ſtrength, and I found I could walk better than before the uſe of them: But, as I will never deceive any man, I believe I never ſhall be able to walk any great length, that is, I mean the length of a ſtreet; but then on the other hand, I'm of opinion, had I not us'd the Oils, in two or three fits more I ſhould have been unavoidably confin'd to my chair.

I have ſuch opinion of the Oils, that I really deſign to continue them, yet I would not adviſe any body to 'em (unleſs it be a recent caſe) without going to *Stamford*, and conſulting the Doctors there, whom I believe they will find to be men of honour, worth and integrity; yet upon enquiry they will there find ſeveral adverſaries to their ſpecific. And why is that? 'Tis becauſe they cannot prepare it themſelves.

I muſt remark to you, in a ſtubborn veteran Gout as mine is, the Oils will not perform the cure alone, but muſt have the aſſiſtance of a skilful apothecary or phyſician, to apply ſome proper phyſic juſt on the decline of a fit, which will not bring a return of the Gout; which without the oils I am certain it will, and may be a more ſevere fit than the former: What I ſay is by experience.

I left *Stamford* the beginning of laſt *Auguſt*: When I came here I found my ſelf very well, and

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every body thought I walk'd better: I wrote a letter of thanks to Dr. *Rogers*, in which I told him I ſhould be glad all my fellow-ſufferers were acquainted of the ſucceſs I had met with from his Oils, upon which, unknown to me (*inter nos*) he put me in his bills, the ſubject of which is fact; yet I ſhould have been better pleas'd if he had been much ſhorter in his account.

I oil my ancles and feet two or three days ſucceſſively, every three weeks, altho' I have no Gout. Before I us'd the Oils, eſpecially from my dinner to bed-time, my feet were always in pain; and if I mov'd 'twas with difficulty, and now my feet are always eaſy: They were perfectly parch'd with heat, and a skin us'd to ſcale from them every fortnight: But for all this, the learned here aſſure my death in leſs than three years, by driving the Gout to its laſt ſtage; which is generally the head, ſtomach, or apoplexies; but I only give them the hearing, and in return they ſay I'm a very ungovernable man.

The 24th of *November* laſt, the Gout ſeiz'd me in both hands, both elbows, and both feet; where the villain's intention was, I judge, to have taken up his winter quarters there or thereabouts; but I truſted entirely to the Oils, by which I rais'd the ſiege in a very little time. You muſt know, I found no immediate eaſe by the Oils; the pain rather augmented, with an irregular fever attending it four days paſt without any relief: I ſtill determin'd to purſue the Oils; and the fifth day I got ſome comfortable reſt; then the fever left me, and I mended every day; the ninth day I had ſo much uſe of my hands that I was able to ſhave my ſelf; in ſix days more I could walk about my room without the help of a ſtick;

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then I took two doſes of phyſick, by Dr. *Rogers*'s order; and had the weather been favourable, as it is ſome years, I had gone abroad in a fortnight after that: I ſoon recover'd my uſual ſtrength, and continued very well until the thirtieth of *January* laſt, when I rode out and took cold; the conſequence of which was a freſh fit of the Gout in my right hand and right knee; but in four days, with the Oils, I got well of that, and continue ſo at this preſent writing.

I muſt obſerve to you, at the approach of a fit, or chiefly upon the decline, I find my ſtomach oppreſt with wind; but I was rather worſe before I us'd the Oils: I am certain 'tis the gouty humour there, however I am of opinion, as I found it in my laſt fit, by taking phyſick on the decline, my ſtomach was not incommoded with wind.

Now, Sir, I have given you as full account as I am able, but 'tis but young days with me, and this is a ſharp month for podagrics; I can adviſe you to nothing unleſs your affairs will give you leave to go to *Stamford*, where you will find two gentlemen that have been there all the winter; one is Mr. *M——w C——r* of *Maidſtone* in *Kent*, and the other is Major *G——e* of dragoons. If your buſineſs will not allow of your going thither before you meddle with the Oils, write to the Doctor your age, and all the ſymptoms attending your Gout, and he will ſoon return you an anſwer: As for Doctor *Stukeley*, every body allows him to be of the firſt claſs of phyſicians in *England*; and as for Dr. *Rogers*, every body muſt and will allow him to be well skill'd in pharmacy; by which you may infer

infer you have able men to consult. I am afraid I have tired your patience with giving you this long account, but as I was willing to inform you of the particulars, it could not well be shorter.

I am,

Cornwell, the 9th of *March*, 1734-5. *SIR,*

Your very humble Servant,

L. H.

DUBLIN, *March* 20, 1734-5.

Worthy SIR,

YOUR very obliging letter of the 9th current, in answer to mine of the 17th past, is before me; wherein you have given me ample satisfaction in respect to the virtues of Dr. *Rogers*'s specific for the Gout, and am glad to find it has had so good an effect upon you. And as I cannot but sympathize with you, under that cruel and tyrannical distemper; I do sincerely wish you an entire freedom from any further of its malignant attacks.

I particularly observe, that you advise me to write to and consult Dr. *Rogers* before I make use of the Oils; for which caution am very thankful, tho' come too late: For the Oils came to my hands 2 or 3 days after my letter to you; and at all adventures, I was resolv'd to try the Oils, being

being fully perſuaded in my mind, they would do me no harm, if they did me no good; which opinion of mine was grounded, not only on Dr. *Stukeley*'s book, but from my own experience of the efficacy of an oily remedy, which I had try'd for the *Sciatica*, in the year 1725. The caſe being thus, *viz.* in that year; (I think 'twas in the month of *Auguſt*) I was moſt grievouſly afflicted with the *Sciatica*, or Hip-Gout; which cauſed me to go almoſt double when I walked over the Houſe-floor; being in a very great pain, which exercis'd me for about 3 weeks. I ſent for an old practitioner in Pharmacy, to whom I communicated my caſe; and the thing he preſcrib'd for me was, about the quantity of one of Dr. *Rogers*'s bottles of freſh drawn linſeed oil, with ſpirit of wine, to be well mix'd in an incorporating glaſs, and evening and morning, to come with the part affected, as near the fire as I could well bear it, and ſo to embrocate with a warm hand for a quarter of an hour, which I did for 6 or 7 days, when all my pains vaniſhed; and from that time to this, I never was troubled with it one hour. This, on reading Dr. *Stukeley*'s book, recommending Dr. *Rogers*'s Oils for the Gout, gave me a good opinion of his Oils, as a proper remedy for the Gout; for on arguing with my ſelf, the reſult was, *viz.* How did I know but that Dr. *Rogers*'s Oils might be the very ſame which I had uſed for the *Sciatica*, or Hip-Gout; ſo was determin'd to try the remedy, and venture the ſucceſs, tho' not without conſulting ſeveral phyſicians, whoſe opinions were, that I ſhou'd have a care, leſt it ſhou'd repel and drive it into my ſtomach; my reply was what I ſaid above. And unleſs Dr. *Stukeley* was confe-

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CRAVING ten thouſand pardons for my preſumption in giving you this trouble.

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and after all never the better, but rather worſe; which makes me the more diffident of ſucceſs in any thing propos'd, tho' only for the cure of a preſent fit. Therefore would be glad to know from you that have try'd this preſcription of Dr. *Rogers*'s, what ſucceſs you have met with, and whether there is ſafety in the application; in which I would hope you will be as particular as you can, for the ſatisfaction not only of my ſelf, but of hundreds of gouty brethren in this kingdom

I am now turn'd of 60, and have been under a fit, and repeated fits for full 8 months, and but juſt recovering, ſo as to be able to go upon crutches; which is the longeſt and moſt ſevere fit I ever yet had. Its chief attacks having been upon my hands, knees and ancles, and has left ſo great a weakneſs in my knees, as makes me fear I ſhall never get ſufficient ſtrength to walk again, unleſs by the aid of Dr. *Rogers*'s Oils; which I muſt confeſs (on reading *Stukeley*'s book) I have a great opinion of: Therefore let me intreat you to give me a few lines in anſwer, either to confirm, or diſcourage me therein, wherein you will greatly oblige,

Pleaſe to direct your Letter to Mr. *James Sw--t* Merchant in *Dublin*.

SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant,

JAMES SW—T

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infer you have able men to consult. I am afraid I have tired your patience with giving you this long account, but as I was willing to inform you of the particulars, it could not well be shorter.

I am,

Cornwell, the 9th of *March*, 1734-5. *SIR,*

Your very humble Servant,

L. H.

DUBLIN, *March* 20, 1734-5.

Worthy SIR,

YOUR very obliging letter of the 9th current, in answer to mine of the 17th past, is before me; wherein you have given me ample satisfaction in respect to the virtues of Dr. *Rogers*'s specific for the Gout, and am glad to find it has had so good an effect upon you. And as I cannot but sympathize with you, under that cruel and tyrannical distemper; I do sincerely wish you an entire freedom from any further of its malignant attacks.

I particularly observe, that you advise me to write to and consult Dr. *Rogers* before I make use of the Oils; for which caution am very thankful, tho' come too late: For the Oils came to my hands 2 or 3 days after my letter to you; and at all adventures, I was resolv'd to try the Oils, being

being fully perſuaded in my mind, they would do me no harm, if they did me no good; which opinion of mine was grounded, not only on Dr. *Stukeley*'s book, but from my own experience of the efficacy of an oily remedy, which I had try'd for the *Sciatica*, in the year 1725. The caſe being thus, *viz.* in that year; (I think 'twas in the month of *Auguſt*) I was moſt grievouſly afflicted with the *Sciatica*, or Hip-Gout; which cauſed me to go almoſt double when I walked over the Houſe-floor; being in a very great pain, which exercis'd me for about 3 weeks. I ſent for an old practitioner in Pharmacy, to whom I communicated my caſe; and the thing he preſcrib'd for me was, about the quantity of one of Dr. *Rogers*'s bottles of freſh drawn linſeed oil, with ſpirit of wine, to be well mix'd in an incorporating glaſs, and evening and morning, to come with the part affected, as near the fire as I could well bear it, and ſo to embrocate with a warm hand for a quarter of an hour, which I did for 6 or 7 days, when all my pains vaniſhed; and from that time to this, I never was troubled with it one hour. This, on reading Dr. *Stukeley*'s book, recommending Dr. *Rogers*'s Oils for the Gout, gave me a good opinion of his Oils, as a proper remedy for the Gout; for on arguing with my ſelf, the reſult was, *viz.* How did I know but that Dr. *Rogers*'s Oils might be the very ſame which I had uſed for the *Sciatica*, or Hip-Gout; ſo was determin'd to try the remedy, and venture the ſucceſs, tho' not without conſulting ſeveral phyſicians, whoſe opinions were, that I ſhou'd have a care, leſt it ſhou'd repel and drive it into my ſtomach; my reply was what I ſaid above. And unleſs Dr. *Stukeley* was confe-

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derate with *Rogers* to put off his remedy, and thereby prove himſelf the greateſt villain in the world, by being in a baſe combination to cheat and deceive mankind, he muſt be believ'd; and that my opinion was, that he had wrote too much like an honeſt man, and a man of humanity, for any the moſt prejudiced perſon to think the contrary of him, and that I ſhou'd be of the ſame ſentiments, till I found good reaſons to the contrary.

In return to your favour in ſo freely communicating to me the good effects of Dr. *Rogers*'s Oils upon you, I think it behoves me in gratitude, to communicate to you what effect they have had upon me. Therefore pleaſe to note, that on the 20th paſt in the evening I began to uſe the remedy, being then under no preſent fit: But after 8 months illneſs was ſo weak in my knees and hams, as not to be able to walk over the Houſe-floor without the help of two ſticks; ſtooping my body very much, hardly able to move one foot before the other. On *Friday* morning and evening the 21ſt paſt, I embrocated my knees and hams again.

On *Saturday* the 22d in the morning I omitted, finding my ſelf ſenſibly better, and able to walk with one ſtick only, and more upright with my body than before, and could go up and down a few ſteps of the ſtairs with eaſe. Evening I embrocated again.

Sunday morning but broken reſt, ſome pain in my right knee, and not ſo well able to walk as the day before; which may be attributed to my having walked too much the day before, being much elated to find ſo great a change for the better. Evening I embrocated again.

Feb. 24. *Monday* morning I roſe well refreſh'd with ſleep, free from pain, and able to walk without a ſtick all day, being brisk and lively, and my ſtomach good as uſual. Evening I embrocated again.

Tueſday, Feb. 25. I roſe well refreſh'd with ſleep; walk'd all the day without a ſtick, my ſtomach good, and ſpirits brisk and lively. Evening I embrocated again.

Wedneſday morning, *Feb.* 26. I roſe very well 'twixt 6 and 7, free from any manner of pain, able to walk without the help of a ſtick, find no alteration in my body for the worſe from the Oils. Evening I embrocated the ſame parts again; which having now done 8 times, I intend to omit it for ſome days.

Thurſday morning I roſe well and free from pain, walk'd up and down ſtairs, continu'd ſo all the day, and being ſo overjoy'd to find my ſelf well, and able to uſe my legs again, I walked rather too much, which caus'd my ancle to ſwell, and alſo the ſide of that foot, and pains to come on. But immediately having recourſe to the Oils; which on twice uſing, drove it quite away, ſo that I have heard nor felt no more of it ſince, thanks be to God for it.

Every body that ſaw me before and ſince my making uſe of the Oils, are ſurpriz'd at my ſudden recovery, as I am my ſelf, conſidering the bad condition I was in before. And the Phyſicians ſtart this objection, *viz.* That I did not begin to try the Oils upon the acceſſion of a fit, but on the decline of one: therefore 'tis poſſible I might have been as well, had I never made uſe of the Oils. How that might have been, I dare not preſume to ſay: But muſt ſay with you,

you, that I have ſo good an opinion of the remedy, that I really deſign to continue them on the very firſt acceſſion of a fit, or on any uneaſineſs in my knees or ancles; and if I find it anſwer then, I ſhall but little regard any objections that ſhall be ſtarted againſt it.

I thank your advice to write my caſe to Dr *Rogers*, which I may do in time. *Interim*, I have caus'd Dr. *Stukeley*'s book to be printed here, together with Dr *Rogers*'s account of himſelf, which will be no diſſervice to him, but on the contrary, will in time occaſion a demand for his ſpecific from this kingdom. Wiſhing you a perfect freedom from that cruel diſtemper the Gout, I am with great eſteem and gratitude for your kind letter,

SIR,

Your moſt obedient and obliged

humble Servant,

JA——S SW—T.

ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS *for a* REGIMEN.

IN order to render the uſe of the Oils more effectual, I have made it my conſtant practice, upon thoſe who have been more immediately under my care, to vomit, bleed, and purge; which has ſucceeded well.

'For the benefit of all those who use my Oils, 'and living at a great distance, cannot possibly 'apply personally to me, I do recommend the 'following regimen.

'When there is a seeming approach of a fit, 'be sure to take a vomit, made of six drachms 'of the infusion of *Crocus Metallorum*. The 'same night take a dose of venice-treacle, and 'drink some scalded wine hot after it in bed, 'and endeavour to promote gentle sweating: 'The next day begin with the Oils as directed. 'In 5 or 6 days, take 12 ounces of blood from 'the arm, if the pains are acute and the fever 'high. At the declension of the fit, purge once 'in 3 or 4 days, until you have taken 3 doses 'of the electuary prescribed by Dr. *Stukeley in his Treatise of the Gout*, page 111. It may 'be taken either from the point of a knife, or 'dissolv'd in 4 spoonfuls of warm mountain 'wine or warm ale; you must contrive your 'dose to be sufficient to give 5 or 6 motions. Or 'if you like a draught better, Dr. *Sydenham's* 'purging draught, with rhubarb, senna, tama-'rinds, *&c.* which every apothecary knows 'how to prepare; to it add one ounce of the 'oil of sweet almonds, and repeat it, for 3 doses 'every third or fourth morning.

'To all brother podagrics, let me give this 'additional advice, not to fail taking a vomit 'at least once or twice every year, tho' there 'appears no symptom of a fit of the Gout: by 'so doing they'll scour the biliary glands, and 'make a plentiful discharge of those humours,

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with which our conſtitutions are conſtantly loaded and offended.

This being a remedy ſo advantagious for the publick, I recommend all brother-ſufferers never to go a journey without, by reaſon they will retain their virtues for ages, and may be carried into any part of the world, provided they are kept cloſe-ſtopped.

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John Rogers, M. L.

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